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SUBJECT: MALIK'S COMMENTS ON SITUATION IN THAILAND AND
OTHER INDONESIAN REACTIONS

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK WITH
AMBASSADOR LYDMAN OCT 16, I ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON
THE CRISIS IN THAILAND. MALIK REFLECTED SOBERLY ON THE
SITUATION AND SAID THANOT KHOMAN HAD TOLD HIM EIGHT
MONTHS AGO THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
MALIK SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION IN-
DICATING COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT, AND THAT IT WAS HIS
IMPRESSION THAT THE MAIN ELEMENT BEHIND THE STUDENT
REVOLT WAS THE YOUNGER MILITARY OFFICERS, NOT ONLY IN
THE ARMY, BUT IN TZSE OTHER SERVICES AS WELL. MALIK
REGARDS THE NEW THAI PRIME MINISTER, JUDGE SANYA, AS
STRICTLY A TEMPORARY OFFICE HOLDER, AND EXPECTS THERE WILL
BE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL DETERMINE THE NATURE
OF A MORE PERMANENT GOVERNMENT. HE SAID STABILIZATION
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OF THE SITUATION IN THAILAND IS VERY IMPORTANT TO AVOID

SERIOUS DETERIORATION THAT WOULD AFFECT THE REGION,
INCLUDING ASEAN.

2. COMMENTS OF GOI SPOKESMAN AND PARLIAMENTARIANS
REPORTED IN JAKARTA PRESS OCT 16 ON SITUATION IN
THAILAND EMPHASIZED LIKELIHOOD THAT THAI-INDONESIAN AND
ASEAN RELATIONS WOULD BE UNDISTURBED. FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN NANA SUTRESNA SAID "INDONESIA REGRETTED THE
REPLACEMENT OF THANOM, WHO HAD BEEN POPULAR IN IN INDONESIA;"
BUT HE DESCRIBED SITUATION AS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND
SAID CHANGE "WOULD NOT INFLUENCE RELATIONS BETWEEN ASEAN
PARTNERS." IMRON ROSJADI, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENT'S
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ALSO CALLED EVENTS IN THAILAND
A DOMESTIC MATTER AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE NEW
GOVERNMENT WOULD RESTORE HEALTHY DEMOCARCY TO THAILAND
IMRON REMARKED THAT THE STRONGEST GOVERNMENT IS ONE
THAT HAS WIDE PUBLIC SUPPORT. COSMOS BATUBARA, FORMER
GENERATION OF '66 STUDENT LEADERS WHO HEADS THE
PARLIAMENT'S JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, SAID THE THAI STUDENT
UPRISING WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY FAILURE OF THAILAND'S
INSTITUTIONS, AND THAT SUCH INSTITUTIONAL BREAKDOWN
COULD CAUSE INSTABILITY AND CONFUSION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
HOWEVER, THE EVENTS IN THAILAND WOULD HAVE NO INFLUENCE
ON INDONESIA, HE SAID, OR ON ASEAN RELATIONS.
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